

DIXON EVENING TELEGRAPH.

TELEGRAPH—SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR

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DIXON, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1918.

DAILY TELEGRAPH—THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR

RUSSIA MAY RETURN TO WAR IF GERMANS DON'T MODIFY TERMS

Trotzky Declares Russia Will Not Submit to "Germany's Hypocritical Peace Proposal"—Needs at the Front Will Be Satisfied and Russia May Re-enter Active Warfare With Army of Three Million Men—Ask That Peace Conference Be Moved to Neutral Soil—German Citizens and Press Criticize Imperial Government for Conflicting Statements—Say Government Reveals Aims for Territory.

SAY ACTIONS STRENGTHEN WAR WILL OF ALLIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotzky, declared today that the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German peace proposals.

M. Trotzky's declaration was made before the central committee of the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates during an address in which he denounced in scathing terms "Germany's hypocritical peace proposal." Asserting that the government of Russian workers would not consent to such conditions, he said that if the central powers did not agree to free disposal of the destiny of the Polish and Lettish nations, it would be urgently necessary to defend the Russian revolution.

He said the needs at the front would be satisfied, whatever efforts might be necessary.

Representatives from all the fronts who attended the meeting declared the troops would defend the revolution but said bread and boots were necessary.

Back Into War?

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Petrograd, Jan. 2 (Delayed)—The Russian peace delegation officially has suggested to the central powers that the meeting place of the peace delegates be transferred to neutral soil and has protested against certain articles in the Austro-German terms already submitted. The halt in the negotiations and indications of a German refusal to renew the conference to Stockholm have revived universal discussion in Petrograd of a resumption of fighting with a greatly reduced army, probably three million men.

Even the most radical Bolsheviks and the most ardent peace advocates have been aroused by the German position.

Indications are that the German attitude is harmonizing domestic differences and is convincing Russians that they must fight to save their revolutionary principles.

Tentons Aroused.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 32—The situation created by the hitch in the Brest-Litovsk dispatches from Amsterdam reflecting news from Berlin show, has aroused the activities of the rulers and politicians of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Foreign Secretary Von Kuehmann's return to Brest-Litovsk after a hurried visit to Berlin is said to have created surprise as did his conference with Reichstag leaders who were summoned suddenly.

Leaders of all parties were present at the conference, according to information in Amsterdam and they informed Dr. von Kuehmann that they adhered strongly to the demand that the Reichstag be summoned as speedily as possible. It is expected that the demand will be discussed at Thurs-

day's session of the Reichstag main committee which Chancellor von Hertling will attend.

The feature of the conference is said to have been outspoken speeches of Philipp Scheidemann and Frederick Ebert for the socialists and Hugo Haase for the independent socialists. They are being credited with having told von Kuehmann that his attitude in the Russian negotiations was prejudicial to peace. They told him that to say one day that Germany wanted no Russian territory and to say the next day that it wanted virtually territory occupied by the German troops justified the Entente statesmen in declining to place confidence in the word of German leaders.

The foreign secretary is said however, to have made "complete explanations." It is reported that both von Kuehmann and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign secretary, returned to Brest-Litovsk where they were expected to arrive yesterday with new instructions.

The Leipzig Volks Zeitung, the independent socialist newspaper, commenting on the Brest-Litovsk situation and the activities of von Kuehmann and the government says:

"Germany now reveals her eastern peace aims. Everybody in Germany, Russia and Entente countries, now know that she is not aiming at a just peace without annexations and indemnities such as von Kuehmann depicted, but at a peace providing for an enormous increase in Germany's military, political and economic strength."

"These intentions must strengthen the will of the Entente. Germany intends really to annex all territory she now holds. Her excuse that the populations of these territories have declared their willingness to be severed from Russia is untrue. Individuals may have done so, but they always have been irresponsible, acting on some German suggestion."

Norwegian Boat Sunk.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 3—The Norwegian foreign office reports that the Norwegian steamer Vigrid, 1617 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen today. Five men were killed.

Take German Prisoners.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 3—Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night to the south and southwest of Laabssee leaving a few prisoners in our hands, war office reports.

Heavy Artillery Booms.

Paris, Jan. 3—"Heavy artillery fighting occurred during the night, especially on the Aisne front," says today's official report.

"Two enemy raids, one south of the Oise, the other near Carnille, were repulsed completely."

M'COMBS TAKEN BACK BY CHICAGO POLICE

Walter McCombs, whom Police Chief Van Bibber brought out from Chicago New Year's eve, charged with stealing automobiles, proves not to be the man implicated in the Lee county robberies, but he was taken back to Chicago today by an officer, charged with the theft of another car, which was sold in this county. An insurance company, which has paid the owner of the car for his loss, will prosecute McCombs for the theft.

Terry Moran, who is the man wanted here, is out on bail from a Rockford court on a similar charge. The police of Dixon, Sterling and Rockford are doing splendid work in rounding up auto thieves in this vicinity, and now have six of them in custody.

Dined at Tavern.

Among those who dined at the Nauhaua tavern New Year's day were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Noble, Miss Florence Noble, Mrs. Edward Benjamin, Mrs. W. C. Dystart, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bacharach, the Henry Noble family, Gordon Utley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, T. W. Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Emerson and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. De-

ment.

THE WEATHER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Thursday, Jan. 3.

Unsettled tonight and Friday with probably light snow; slowly rising temperature.

Max. Min. Precip.

Sunday 10 10 below

Monday 11 3 below

Tuesday 18 0

Wednesday 22 13 above

Thursday 25 1 above

Returned to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Murphy and son James returned to Chicago today after a visit through the holidays at the Dr. Rice home.

LAST QUESTIONNAIRE WAS MAILED TODAY BY THE LOCAL BOARD

Classification of Registrants Proceeds—Many Appeals.

BIG JOB STILL AHEAD

Questionnaire No. 2,548 was put in the mails today by the Local Board of Exemption of Lee county, completing the work of mailing the questionnaires of Lee county. Within one week all of these questionnaires are required to be in, and except in special cases where an extension of time has been granted because of the absence of the registrant, or some necessary signer to his questionnaire, all of the important papers will be back in the exemption board's office and filed by next Thursday.

The work of classification is proceeding, but only a small portion of that task has been accomplished. The registrants who have been classified to date were mostly those who were in the first draft, and the board was more or less familiar with the circumstances in the majority of cases.

More in Class One.
Because most of these eligibles for army service had already been picked out of the first five or six hundred names, the proportion of men placed in class one by the board in its decisions of the last few days has been small, but from now on the proportion of men in class one will be greater.

Many Appeals.

A considerable number of appeals are being taken by men who believe they should be placed in a more deferred classification than the board has given them. The procedure is simple, as the registrant, after he receives his postal card notifying him of the class in which the local board has placed him, and if he thinks he should be placed in a more deferred classification, and has grounds for such a plea, goes to the office of the local board and states that he wishes to appeal for classification. He then makes his written appeal in a place provided on the back of his questionnaire, and his case is then put before the district appeal board which meets at Freeport. The district board will notify the registrant taking appeal of their decision in his case.

HOLD MEETINGS OVER COUNTY PREPARATORY TO RED CROSS DRIVE

Organization Meeting Is Slated for Palmyra Friday Evening.

INTEREST IS SHOWN

A meeting of the state council of defense, preparatory to organizing Palmyra township for the Red Cross membership drive, will be held at the Palmyra town hall at Gap Grove Friday at 8 p. m. The meeting is open to all in the township and everyone is cordially invited. Rev. E. C. Lumsden, pastor of the Dixon Methodist church, will be the speaker of the evening.

This evening Attorneys Harry Edwards and A. H. Hanneken will address a similar meeting in the Sullivan school in Reynolds township.

Last evening Attorneys Harry Warner and Grover Gehant and Circuit Clerk E. S. Rosecrans and Deputy Sheriff Frank Schoenholz attended a Thrift and Red Cross meeting at the Beech school south of Ashton. A large crowd was in attendance. Attorneys Warner and Gehant were among the speakers.

HEAD OF DRAFT MACHINERY SAYS DEFERRED CLASSES WILL NOT BE CALLED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 3.—Provost Marshal General Crowder, reporting to congress today on the progress of the draft, express for the first time a definite policy and aim of the government not to take for army duty any men other than those listed in class one of the new draft question-

naire. This classification excludes married men entirely, whose wives or families are dependent on them for support and other men with dependents. General Crowder does this on the estimate that one million men physically fit for army duty will be available from class one. This number, he thinks sufficient for the present military needs of the nation, but to assure the future supply for those needs he recommends that men who have become twenty years old since June 5, 1917 (the first draft), and who become of age hereafter shall be added to class one as they become available. This will insure the general estimates, a supply of 700,000 men a year.

OBERVE WEDNESDAY CLOSING

Miss Mulkins, Mrs. Woolever and Miss Winters will also observe the Wednesday night closing of their millinery shops in the interest of coal conservation and will be open no Wednesday evening until the opening of the spring season.

IS RECOVERING.

Miss Florence Fallstrom, who has been ill for five weeks, was able to leave her room today.

100 PER CENT ... in ... Lee Co. Red Cross

Additional 100% memberships reported at Red Cross headquarters:

A. H. Tilson

Miss Jennie Laing

Mrs. Nena Chiverton

Frank A. Chiverton

Dr. E. S. Murphy, Office & Home

Mrs. G. J. Reed store

J. F. Palmer

Drs. Hamilton and Ives

Grace G. Uhl

William Barry

Amos Bosworth

Florence Mason

Mrs. Addie Hills

Mrs. Ellen Nosworthy

L. G. Adams

Dr. Ives house

Dr. Hamilton house

A. H. Tennant

Lee Mathias

F. J. Bertoli

A. H. Moll

John T. Laing

George C. Loveland

C. W. Brewster

Dr. T. O. Edgar office

William Fry

George Nettz

E. F. Clingman

Elizabeth Breneisa

W. J. McAlpine

J. E. Traber

W. W. Gilbert

Mrs. Nancy Eastwood

O. L. Clymer

Thomas Leake

J. P. Drew

Jule Pettit

William Rusch.

SIDNEY BACHARACH WRITES OF FRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

Lieutenant Bacharach of Dixon Says Cold in France Is Real.

GOOD THANKSGIVING

Miss Helen Bacharach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bacharach of this city, has received the following letter from her brother, Lieut. Sidney Bacharach, who is with the American expeditionary force in France:

"Day Before Turkey:

"Dear Sirs: Am sending this to Dixon but don't know whether or not you are there, as so far haven't had a line from the states. It is most strange that no letters come through and I surely hope you hear from me, as I write at least three times a week. Am feeling excellent and have everything I need except my family, so there is nothing for any of you to worry about. Only wish you could see what I am seeing, for it is a great education and worth ten years of college life. Learning new things and seeing more of French life every day, but there is nothing in all this little world that can touch the good old U. S. A. It is only when one comes over here and sees the life of the people, with all their hardships, that one realizes what a country we have, a country to which everybody has a duty, and should be proud to fight for, so in every way I am glad I took the course I did."

"Our first snowfall, and believe your sib brother, it is cold. Woke up this morning to find the barracks were like the north pole. Had charge of the company, and soon got them and myself warm with some good arm and leg exercises, had drill for a couple of hours, and then over the hill to chop wood, which is surely a scarce article, and coal only about \$150 a ton.

"This afternoon, as mess officer, drew turkeys, sweet potatoes, and trimmings for tomorrow's dinner, for we are going to have some feed. In the morning we arranged races, with the officers giving prizes; afternoon, a football game, and at night a musical program. In all expect a regular day. The men certainly deserve the enjoyment, as they have been working hard and need the change.

"Am feeling great, with the exception of my eyes, and think I have been trying to use them too much by candle light. Really had a wonderful day all through on Thanksgiving. Am now under way for a big Christmas celebration, and hope we get a chance to have it. Cold as —, but we don't care as we are working hard all the time. There certainly seems to have been a bunch of marriages around. Hope you are all well and wish I could be with you Christmas, but nothing doing. Would love to see you and tell you everything. Heaps and heaps of love to you and don't worry about me, as I'm as comfortable as could be expected."

"Sid."

JOHN F. MYERS IS CALLED TO BEYOND

CROWDER SAYS ONLY MEN IN CLASS ONE WILL BE IN ARMY

John F. Myers passed away at his home just east of

OUR NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Extravagant and Careless People Shy at Berry's Like a Wild Horse at an Automobile

People are pleasure mad, 70 per cent of the people, I would say are living up to or beyond their income, not saving, not caring for the future. I can't for the life of me figure out why this is the case, because what is nicer than a bank account, or some kind of assets, what is sweeter than anticipation, and what is finer than being a dreamer. The mind, the will, the soul feels the impulse of saving, the body of a man with a bank account has a finer poise and a bank account spells independence

If I had the gift of oratory I would instill into the people's minds that one word **SAVE**—because once the habit is formed it causes them to save rather than spend, and the real pleasure one derives from saving is a thousand times greater than from spending.

Now the moral of the above can be said in three words—"Trade at Berry's."

Sample Corset Sale

Over 1,000 pairs American Beauty Corsets, values as high as \$5.00, including Silk Brocades, Front Lace, Batistes, etc. They're par excellence. Come in every size and style.

All \$1.00 and \$1.25 samples for **59c**
All \$1.50 and \$2.00 samples for **95c**

All \$3.00 and \$5.00 samples for **\$1.25**

These famous corsets ought to melt as snow beneath the sun.

Also 15 dozen Brassieres, with garment shield and bust supporter, all for **45c**

Children's, Misses and Ladies, Ready to Wear at a Saving of One-Half.
Ladies' Finest Broadcloth, Plush and Velvet Coats, no finer Coats shown in Lee county this season, now **\$13.75**

All Misses' and Children's Coats Reduced to

1.98, 2.98, \$4.98

Children's and Misses' all-wool dresses that sold to \$10.00. These are samples that just arrived, **\$2.35** they go at.

400 Ladies' \$1.50 to \$2.50 dresses at less than the goods are worth, swell styles, finely made, extra quality cloth, **\$1.10** for

Ladies' Fine Wool or Silk Dresses reduced for quick clearance to **\$6.75**

Get two or three dresses for the actual price of one. Over 300 white and colored Waists, not a one worth under \$1.00, now **50c**

Below Market Prices

Men's and Ladies' Silk and Wool Union Suits go at **\$1.98**

Men's Wool Hose at **25c**

Men's Sweater Coats at **98c**

Men's extra heavy Blue Overalls, 30 to 34 only **\$1.10**

Children's All Wool Sweater Coats, \$1.00 to \$1.50 value **59c**

Rickrack Braids, 10c cards for **5c**

Men's \$1.00 and \$1.50 Caps **69c**

Ladies' Knit Gloves for **25c**

Berry's store is a necessary luxury. It has won its way into the hearts of thousands by its methods. I could give you testimonials that would make your hair stand up. This isn't a fly by night store, it isn't a store of baits or catches; it's a store of all leaders, all specials—values such as we give are not to be found anywhere else in such abundance. Read this bill of fare—show me anything half like it.

Call this list luck, nerve, ability, insanity, or any other name you wish, still it's all here and I'm doing it.

Sale starts Saturday, January 5th, 1918, and closes January 12, and then on January 14 something else starts, because I'm going to make 1918 my banner year. Every day, every week, every month will see new events transpire at the house of Berry—a store owned, operated and controlled by Berry for your pleasure and benefit.

Men's Wool, Part Wool, Ribbed Cotton or Fleece Lined Union Suits, per suit

\$1.15 to \$3.00

Ladies' Wool, Ribbed and Fleece Union Suits,

59c to \$2.00

Boys' and Girls' Fleeced Union Suits, ages 8 to 16, at **48c**

Over 500 Girls' Dresses, ages 6 to 16, dandy \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, now **75c**

Thousands of Ladies' Sam- ple Handkerchiefs,

3 and 5c

Dress Goods, worth to \$1.25 a yard, choice of this deal, yard **39c**

All Cutlery such as pocket knives, scissors, safety razors, etc., at one-half the price they ought to be.

We are going out of the Men's and Boys' Suit business, so I offer my stock of Suits, Overcoats and Trousers at a snap.

Mail Orders Received

We pay charges.

Goods shipped same day.

Money back for the asking.

Get your name on our mailing list, we're going to make the dust fly this year.

Grocery Specials

Rolled Oats, 4 pounds **25c**

Calumet Baking Powder, pound **19c**

Finest Corn, No. 2 cans, 2 cans for **25c**

String Beans, No. 2 cans **10c**

Tomatoes and Peas, No. 2 cans, 2 for **25c**

All 10c Spices, Cocoa, Bluing, Ammonia, etc. **8c**

Japan Tea, pound **39c**

Searchlight Matches, box **5 1/2 c**

Raisins, fine stock, pound **10c**

Macaroni, Spaghetti, and Noodles Red Cross Brand, 3 pkgs. **25c**

Corn Meal, 10-lb. bag **49c**

Syrup, gallon **75c**

Crystal White Soap, bar **5c**

Maple City Soap, bar **4 1/2 c**

Navy Beans, 3 lbs. **50c**

Rice, whole, pound **9c**

Guatemala Coffee, pound **20c**

Full Cream Cheese, pound **28c**



Here Are Just a Few Bargains Picked at Random. You'll find more Bargains Here.

Bargains at **BERRY'S** are as Thick as the Sands on the Sea Shore. Come to

BERRY'S Big Store

Amboy—Where You Get Service. Quality and Price—Amboy
SHOES, RUBBER GOODS, ETC.

We have over \$7,000 in Men's, Ladies', Boys', Girls' and Baby's Shoes, and the price at least 20 per cent under.

Boys' High Cuts, pair **\$2.98**
Men's Double Sole Water- proof Shoes for **\$3.75**
Men's High Cut Lace Boot Shoes, per pair **\$4.95**

Men's Flexible Shoes, pair **\$3.75**
Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Good- year Welt Shoes for dress or work, for **\$2.98**

Ladies' Shoes, **\$1.48 to \$4.00**
Misses' Shoes, **\$1.48 to \$3.00**

SOCIETY

COMING EVENTS

Thursday

St. Paul's Lutheran Aid, Mrs. Simon Lowry, 901 W. Fourth St. Inter Nos Circle, Mrs. Dave Boos, Lincoln Crochet Club, Mrs. Ralph Lehman.

Meeting of M. E. Foreign Missionary, Mrs. Joseph Beech.

Laf-a-lot Club, Miss Grace Book.

Ladies Aid, German Lutheran Church.

Cly Atly Club, Mrs. Chas. Lievan.

Dorcas Society Election, Congregational Church.

Christian Missionary, Mrs. Clinton Rhodes.

M. E. Foreign Missionary, Mrs. Joseph Beech.

Friday

Dorothy Chapter, O. E. S., Masonic Hall.

Thursday Reading Circle, Mrs. Herbert Scott.

St. Agnes Guild, Mrs. Lee Dysart.

Saturday

D. A. R. Meeting, Mrs. S. S. Dodge.

Hoi Pollo Club, Miss Marie Madden.

To California,

Mrs. George H. Squires left Wednesday for California to visit her son, George Squires.

Hoi Pollo Club.

Miss Marie Madden will entertain the members of the Hoi Pollo club Monday evening.

Elected Officers.

The Sunday school of the Pennsylvania Corners Christian church elected officers Dec. 30th for 1913, to-wit:

Supt., H. H. Powell

Assistant, Mrs. D. F. Seyster,

Secretary, Harry Gogos.

Assistant, Lillie Cunningham,

Treasurer, Wm. Sheeley,

Planist, Helen Stoff,

Assistant, Nellie Ambrose,

Chorister, H. H. Powell,

Librarians, Marjorie Stoff

and Grace Nettz,

Assistants, Merle Babcock and

Inez Dockery.

All sections of the school are flour-

ishing. The Christmas collection,

White Gifts for the King, amounted

to \$12.50.

Returns to School.

Miss Elsie Beckingham returned to her duties as teacher of the Lyons school near Harmon Tuesday.

In Polo.

Mr. and Mrs. Moll and little sons spent New Years with relatives in Polo.

PERFECT GLASSES PERFECT IN SEEING PERFECT in QUALITY PERFECT in PRICE

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DR. McGRAHAM
Optometrist & Optician
220 First St. Dixon, Ill.

NOTICE

Although everything connected with my business has advanced my prices remain the same.

Plain shan-poo 50¢ with hot oil or witch hazel 75¢

Curling and dressing 10 to 25¢ extra

Hair dressing 25 to 50¢

Manicuring 50¢

Facial massage \$1.00 per hour

Facial massage, per half hour 50¢

Switches made from comb-ings, per ounce 50¢

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Dress Making
Millinery
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LA CAMILLE CORSETS
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HESS MILLINERY
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Glases will stop
your headaches
and improve your
health.

DR. W. F. AYDELOTTE
Neurologist and Health Instructor.
223 Crawford Ave., Dixon, Ill.
Phone 100 for Appointments.

St. Paul's Choir.

St. Paul's choir will meet after the preparatory service Friday evening, returned to Chicago to continue their studies at the University of Illinois Dental college. Mrs. Ryan accompanied her son to the city where they reside, having spent the holiday week with her mother, Mrs. Davlin.

Guests from Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Bishop, Miss Margaret Burbank and Herbert Blackburn of the Post C. W. Johnson will act as installing officer with Mrs. Ernest Wernich an dMrs. Tourtillot as installing conductors. Mrs. Lucy Rosbrook during the evening will present the circle with a handsome service flag. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The public is invited.

Circle Installation.

Arrangements are being made for the installation of officers of the Ladies of the Grand Army Circle, which will be held the evening of January 7 at G. A. R. hall, Past Commander of the Post C. W. Johnson will act as installing officer with Mrs. Ernest Wernich an dMrs. Tourtillot as installing conductors. Mrs. Lucy Rosbrook during the evening will present the circle with a handsome service flag. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The public is invited.

Move to Forrester.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Woods are today moving to Forrester to reside. Their household goods are being sent by auto truck. Mrs. Woods has been visiting her father in LaMoille and Mr. Woods has been substituting in a college in Waukesha for a few weeks.

Postpone Club Meeting.

Because of illness in the family, the meeting of the Practical Club have been held Wednesday afternoon.

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THE RED CROSS.

The Red Cross begins its work for 1918 with a huge roll of new members. Appropriations already made have used up nearly half of the one hundred million dollar War Fund subscribed last summer. A drive for a second fund will have to be made this spring.

Sixteen thousand graduate nurses are enrolled with the Red Cross.

Already 1,671 of these nurses are in France. Two thousand one hundred and seventy-eight more are at work in the cantonments and stations over here. Those selected and organized for service with the military forces but not yet mobilized number 2,843.

This gives a total of 6,692 Red Cross nurses in active service.

It is estimated that 20,000 of the 80,000 trained nurses of the country will be needed by the end of next year.

The grey clad army nurse is the best symbol of the work of the Red Cross. But the society has shown people other ways of doing their bits besides nursing.

American women are making in Red Cross rooms and in their homes surgical dressings, knit goods, hospital garments, and comfort kits to an estimated value for the year of \$36,400,000.

The surgical dressings go to every ship in the navy, and to 2,000 war hospitals behind the lines in France. The Red Cross has promised to ship to France 3,000,000 dressings a month for the next six months.

More than \$5,000,000 worth of yarn has been purchased or ordered for the Red Cross, to be knitted into sweaters and mufflers.

This great volume of volunteer production in America supports a huge distributing establishment in France.

Four hundred men in the transportation department there are handling 350 tons of supplies a day. A warehouse personnel of 125 operate a storage capacity of 100,000 tons. More than 400 motor cars, most of them heavy trucks, are in service.

Not far from 100 Red Cross canteens and rest stations have been established at the front, in Paris, and at important railway centers.

Over 20,000 French children are being cared for by the society. At Evian, near the Swiss border, is a great American hospital for children that are being repatriated from points behind the German lines.

Five large military hospitals, a great tuberculosis hospital near Paris, and twenty civilian dispensaries in the American army zone are being operated.

Many base hospitals have been organized in America by the Red Cross. More than a dozen of them have already been sent to France. Each unit was planned to take care of 500 beds, but several of those in service have been increased to twice or four times the unit size.

Forty-five ambulance companies, a total of 5,580 men, have been raised by Red Cross chapters and mustered into the Army Medical service.

The year 1918 starts off under the darkest war cloud that has ever overhung the land. But never was a war cloud provided with a more resplendent lining of silver than the American Red Cross Society—the entire nation, mobilized for charity—is setting against the darkness of the present hour.

Next week is the Red Cross membership campaign in Lee county. Can you fail in your duty to join for the year 1918, and add your bit to aid this wonderful organization?

WAR AIMS OF THE ALLIES.

There is no doubt about the Allies' war aims. For long there has been none. They fought for the faith of treaties, for the equal freedom of peoples large and small, for the deliverance of subject races used or victimized by Hohenzollern and Turkish military ascendancy, for the redress of some past effects of that ascendancy, for the protection of the world against the injustice it seeks to preserve, and the still more gigantic attempts it might yet execute. The Allies have been fighting for a settled reign of law, peace, freedom, and brotherhood amongst nations. It is no longer Utopianism. It is Necessity. It is necessity unless all civilization is to fail, or the whole democratic part of it is to be subjugated or perverted, constrained to make the iron model of the enemy's system its own.

The Bolshevik government in Russia has intimated that the Russian war debts would be repudiated, and Japan, who has loaned great sums to Russia, is preparing to lop off a big slice of eastern Siberia in payment for her loans, and Japan is able to do it, all of which argues that Russia will see the light, and pay up.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Do not worry. Eat three meals a day. Say your prayers. Be courteous to your creditors. Keep your digestion good. Exercise. Go slow and easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy. But, my friend, I reckon these will give you a good lift."

When your grocer is short on sugar, don't complain. That sugar is away, fighting for you. There is sugar in Java, but to get it would require ships that are needed to transport soldiers and guns and shells to France. The sugar that isn't in your sugar bowl is doing better work some place else.

The Bolsheviks say that Germany is not keeping the promises she made before entering the peace conference at Brst-Litovsk. That's an old, old story.

Ex-President Taft is making about the soundest, sanest speeches of any made on the public platform today. When he talks, he says something.

Make up your mind that this year will be one of sacrifice and giving to every worthy cause.

Grass soup and sawdust filler for bread are reasons enough why Germany wants peace.

How many times have you written it "1917" since January 1st?

THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, DIXON, ILLINOIS.

TAKING SEED CORN CENSUS.

Corn is the great product of Illinois. Next year the state will be called upon to produce a greater crop than ever. To do that, seed will be required—good seed, sure to grow. While last year's crop was tremendously heavy, there is a fear that because of early frosts, seed corn may be scarce.

To learn just what the situation is, the State Department of Agriculture, and the State Council of Defense, have undertaken to make a census, so to speak, of available seed corn. A special committee composed of Director of Agriculture Charles Adkins, Eugene Funk, John M. Crebs, C. V. Gregory, W. G. Eckhardt, D. O. Thompson, Charles E. Snyder, A. C. Page, W. F. Handschin, George H. Higginson, Jr., of the U. S. Food Administration, and P. E. Fleming, secretary of the Food, Fuel and Conservation Committee of the State Council ordered the census.

The survey is to be made by the local committees of the Food, Fuel and Conservation committee of the State Council, beginning Wednesday morning, January 2, and continuing to the 7th. Each county chairman was asked to put half a dozen men on the job in each township. Blanks were furnished which are to be filled in and returned to the Food, Fuel and Conservation committee.

With the information from the township surveys in hand, the Committee will be prepared to take such action as circumstances demand to assure the entire state a supply of reliable seed corn.

Amos Bosworth, food director for Dixon, has charge of this census work in Dixon township.

STATES CLOSE ON ROAD OFFER.

The \$75,000,000 fund provided by the government for the construction of leading post roads in the states, subject to special appropriations to match by the states themselves, has had the result aimed at. Every state in the union has met the proposal, duplicating the outlay. Important through routes have been selected and received the benefit of the double appropriation. In 1916 the states expended in all \$41,000,000 and in 1917, it is estimated, \$60,000,000. These are the figures of the bureau of public roads and rural engineering of the department of agriculture. Illinois is one of the states to profit by the substantial inducements of federal aid.

It is through this appropriation that the road from Cook County to the Mississippi river, through Dixon, will be built.

BAKER TO HAVE CIVILIANS RULE ORDNANCE DEPT.

Secretary of War in Statement Details Plans for Reorganization.

PLAN BEING PUT INTO EFFECT

Declares Four Divisions for the Handling of War Supplies Will Be Headed by Business Men—Banker Gets Post.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Plans for a complete reorganization of the ordnance bureau were given out by Secretary of War Baker in an announcement. The changes will place the bureau under control of civilians.

Secretary Baker's announcement says:

"The secretary of war has approved a plan for the reorganization of the ordnance department as announced in General Crozier's testimony before the senate committee, and the plan is now being put in effect.

"Heretofore the business of the ordnance department has been conducted by five separate and more or less independent organizations under the direction of the chief of ordnance. These divisions will now be consolidated. The chief of ordnance will be assisted by an extensive administrative and advisory staff.

"Four Operating Divisions.

"The principal business functions of the department, as distinct from the technical designing and other scientific work with which it is charged, will be carried on by four operating divisions.

"(A) Procurement division.

"(B) Production division.

"(C) Inspection division.

"(D) Supply division.

"(A)—The procurement division will negotiate all orders and contracts for artillery, small arms, ammunition and articles heretofore purchased by the various departments of the ordnance department.

To Stimulate Production.

"(B)—The production division will have general charge of production. It will follow up, supervise and stimulate the production of all articles contracted for by the procurement division.

"(C)—The inspection division will inspect and accept or reject all munitions of war contracted for by the procurement division.

"(D)—The supply division will receive and distribute all ordnance and ordnance stores, operate all storehouses and have charge of matters pertaining to transportation.

Civilians in Control.

"It is contemplated that this form of organization will make it possible to use to the fullest extent the experience of additional men trained in civil life, who will be called to the service for that purpose. Experienced business executives will be put in charge of the procurement and production divisions, and the work of those divisions will be entrusted to recently commissioned civilians, supplemented by further acquisition of trained experts and men of proven business ability.

"The name of a prominent civilian

will be announced within a few days to head the production division. Col. Samuel McRoberts, formerly executive manager of the National City bank of New York, will be placed in charge of the procurement division.

Large Bungalow Aprons 89c

"That's how Twinkletons has made his rep for energy, but as a matter of fact all that running up and down stairs of Twinkletons was not due to energy. He ran up to get his camera, then forgot what he had come up for, and ran back to find out. That made four trips where one would have done one."

"Your friend, Mr. Lounger, would

not have gone up stairs at all," argues Mrs. Ramble. "He would have called up for some one to drop it down to him. Besides, his walk shows he is

lazy. Notice how fast Timony Twinkletons walks! His walk shows he is energetic!"

"Not necessarily," replied Bob. "The habit of walking fast may have been acquired thru not getting started early enough.

"In regard to the reading, there are lots of fellows who are too fidgety to read. There is just as much to be gained by sitting still in this life as by fidgeting around, and the man who can stick to his desk is often the one who can do the greatest amount of work. Besides, a man like that is apt to stick around the house nights reading, with both feet on the piano, while the energetic lobster is downtown rolling dice for the drinks."

Mabel shuddered but Mrs. Ramble was not at all convinced.

His Argument.

A penitent-looking man was on trial for vagrancy and disturbance of the peace. The judge seemed inclined to be lenient with him.

"What was the prisoner doing when you arrested him?" he said to the policeman.

"He was having a heated argument with a cab driver, your honor."

"But that didn't prove that he was the worse for liquor," the judge said. "Many sober people have arguments with cab drivers."

"So they do, your honor," said the policeman, "but in this case there was no cab driver."

Speechless amazement is one of the few things that go without saying.

A Beautiful Complexion For Only 30 Cents

"Keep on using expensive creams and washes and ointments if you want to," says Peterson. "It's none of my business how you squander your money. But if you really want to get rid of pimples, facial blemishes, and signs of any skin disease, the honest advice is to get a thirty cent box of Peterson's Ointment to-day."

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Name.	Class.	Order No.	Town.
Andreas Hansen	5	459	Willow Creek
Charles Russell Klapprott	2	470	South Dixon
Gusse Kranov	1	471	Hamilton
Loyd Revere Rinhardt	4	472	Dixon
Lars Tastad	5	473	Reynolds
James Edward Kelly	1	474	Brooklyn
Henry Lea Basford	4	475	Ashton
Emil H. M. Friesch	2	478	Harmon
Grover Cleveland Seybert	5	479	Dixon
Leslie Earl Warburg	1	482	Willow Creek
Samuel Sekto	5	483	South Dixon
Fred S. Heath	5	484	Brooklyn
Benjamin Zmudka	5	487	Dixon
Lloyd Burton Bridgeman	4	488	South Dixon
James George Cledon	5	490	Dixon
Albert Swartz Demarest	5	491	Palmyra
John Raymond Kennedy	4	492	Amboy
Vincent Rodgers McCreery	5	493	Dixon
Frederick W. Zanger	5	494	Nelson
Hartsell H. Hess	1	495	Marion
Edward G. Schafer	4	496	Bradford
Dorrance Sherman Thompson	4	497	Dixon
Flave Waldo Plock	1	498	Dixon
Lewis Wood Drummond	2	500	Dixon
Oscar Chambliss	4	501	Sublette
Alfred Edward White	5	502	Sublette
Carl Ernest Blume	4	504	Dixon
William James Carlsen	5	505	Palmyra
Arthur Byerle Trumble	1	507	South Dixon
John Edward Strassburger	3	509	Amboy
Dora Green Bell	1	508	Amboy
Will Rolland Smith	2	511	Willow Creek
Daniel G. Watkins	1	512	Harmon
Marrison Everett Powers	1	514	Wyoming
William A. Otterbach	2-4	515	Brooklyn
Clifford Allbee	1	516	Reynolds
Fred H. Moore	1	517	Dixon
Edwin Valentine Thurm	4	518	Dixon
Mike M. Schoefield	5	519	Brooklyn
Charles Edward Miller	4	520	Harmon
Herbert Stewart	4	521	Nachusa
J. Wesley Whitner	2	522	Nelson
John Moore	5	523	Dixon
William Harrison Savage	5	524	Ashton
Charles John Kurth	4	525	Viola
John Wesley Argraves	4	526	Nelson
Merton Ransom	4	527	Amboy
Elmer Verner Pohle	1-2	528	Alto
Elmer August Herrmann	1	530	Wyoming
Peter Kittleson	1	531	Lee Center
Robert Ethel Simpson	5	532	Palmyra
Noah Woods	4	533	Dixon
Verne Shephard Straw	5	534	Dixon
Constant Thoman	5	535	Brooklyn
John Joseph Bradley	1	536	Dixon
Charles F. Kent	5	537	Harmon
Frederick Dillow	5	538	Amboy
John Joseph Nagle	5	539	Brooklyn
Carl Adam Kerchner	4	540	Harmon
Fred Joe Jacobs	4	541	East Grove
Lawrence Bertram Chandler	3	542	South Dixon
Russell George Erbes	1	543	Harmon
Charles Eccles, Jr.	1	544	May
John Frank Atkinson	1	545	China
Arthur Burnie Wisted	2	546	Willow Creek
James Edward Conlon	4	547	China
Reuben John Levan	4	548	South Dixon
Henry W. Vogeler	1	549	Reynolds
Simeon Cogswell Eastman	5	550	Dixon
John Onno Edeus	5	552	Nelson
Robert E. Parr	4	554	Dixon
Richard P. Marshall	1	555	Reynolds
Edward Harold Stanley	1	556	Dixon
Ernest Nelson	1	557	Dixon
John Herde Hicks	1	558	Harmon
Gust Gates	4	559	Dixon
Oscar William Kelsey	5	560	Dixon
Francis Albert Joseph Pye	4	562	Wyoming
Richard Taylor Mead	4	563	Wyoming
Simon Pfeffer	2	564	East Grove
Ferdinand Full	1-2	565	May
Harold Franklin Sheller	4	566	Dixon
Charles Aubrey Sexton	2	567	Dixon
Maurice Joseph Edwards	5	568	Dixon
Roscoe Clyde Rock	5	569	Dixon
Frank Raymond Shock	4	570	Dixon
John Michael Oesterheld	1	571	Dixon
J. G. Arthur Bloomquist	1	572	Dixon
Arthur Harland Stewart	4	573	Bradford
Charles Cassidy	4	574	Dixon
Glenn R. Wright	4	575	Dixon
Clarence August Seagren	4	576	Bradford
Raymond J. Lally	4	577	Dixon
William F. Klingebiel	1	578	May
Olaf Strand	1	579	Ashton
Antonio Cantagallo	1	580	Alto
Henry Christian Nelson	1	581	Dixon
Harry U. G. Smith	4	582	Ashton
Charles Asher	4	583	Nelson
Wilbur Thompson Burnett	1	584	Dixon
Claude J. Switzer	1	585	Dixon
Henry Zinke	4	586	Wyoming
Pearl Hamell	1	587	Nelson
Emmett Austin Reed	1	588	Brooklyn
Charles Barrye	1	589	Dixon
George N. Mathias	5	590	Palmyra
Joseph Miles O'Malley	1	592	South Dixon
William Franklin Gold	1	593	Dixon
Samuel Gordon Henley	4	594	Dixon
Walter Sukran	2	595	East Grove
Asa Schryer	1	596	Dixon
Jesse Gibson	4	597	Dixon
Harvey F. Cook	5	598	Dixon
Dewitt C. Ellinwood	4	599	Brooklyn
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Ralph Salzman	4	609	South Dixon
Jacob Rhodes Shank	5	610	Sublette
George H. Walker	1	611	Dixon
James F. Sweeney	1-2	612	Palmyra
Jim Sehesten	1	613	Dixon
Lloyd C. Miller	5	614	Marion
Fred William Haite	2	615	Dixon
Charles Oscar Reed	4	616	Alto
Harold Laverne Tennant	4	617	Palmyra
Martin Girod	1	618	Dixon
Henry C. McBride	5	619	Dixon
Harry Cyrus Jones	1	620	Dixon
Raymond Harrison Fraser	5	621	Dixon
Hans Peterson	4	622	Dixon
William Jacob Koerper	1	623	Dixon
Glen T. Wicher	1	624	Dixon
Ive Schmahl	4	625	Dixon
Alvin L. Harden	1	626	Harmon
George Henry Kirby	1	627	Nelson
Harry Mathew McDermott	5	628	Alto
Fred J. Onken	2	629	Hamilton
Clifton Augustus Barringer	2	631	Nelson
Frederick Earl Biggart	1-2	632	Willow Creek
Richard Long	4	633	Lee Center
Harry Logan Hess	1	634	Dixon
Frank Alonzo McKenney	4	635	Dixon
Charles Henry Kurtzrock	3	636	Dixon
Levi G. Mehlbrech	2	637	Palmyra
Roy Neal Eastman	4	638	Brooklyn
Charles C. Engel	5	639	Dixon
Carl Edwin Ragnar Carlson	1	640	Dixon
Leo Rynski	1	641	Willow Creek
John John Truckenbroad	1	642	Dixon
Harold Samuel Gascoigne	1	643	Sublette
Nolan Lewis Lord	1	644	Dixon
Lester Edgar Potter	4	645	Dixon
Ferris Gale Avery	1	646	Wyoming
Benjamin H. Veith	4	647	Wyoming
John Joseph Auchstetter	1	648	Nelson
Peter P. Detig	1	649	Lee Center
George Henry Covert	4	650	Reynolds
Earl Densmore Pelton	2	651	Dixon
Harry Joseph Kelly	4	652	Dixon
Joseph Sylvester Clayton	4	653	Viola
Milton Noakes	4	654	Dixon
	4	655	Dixon
	4	656	Dixon

Dreadful Dragon

Once upon a time in an old city in Syria there lived a king and his people. They raised flocks and fruits and were very prosperous, except for one thing, and of that thing they grew more and more afraid. And well they might fear for it was a sea dragon—a creature covered with scales, half fish and half beast, with eyes that shot fire and a bellowing voice much more dreadful than thunder.

This horrible creature came to drink at a pond near the city, and whole armies came to kill him there, but never succeeded, and finally the people began to give him sheep every day so that he would go away, for his hot, poisonous breath floating over the city made the people ill. The plan worked very well till the sheep were all gone and then the dragon said: "Very well. I can't help that; I must have my breakfast and supper and you may give me a boy or a girl every day—one under fifteen will be best—and if you don't I will destroy your city and devour you, every one!"

So they began to draw lots and boy after boy and girl after girl was given to the dragon, until, after months had gone by and every family was either in mourning or was in terror of what might come any minute the lot fell on the King's daughter. What was to be done? The king was beside himself; he offered the half of his kingdom if his daughter might be saved, but the suffering people would not listen and the Princess was led away and fastened to a rock as the others had been fastened, to wait for the dragon's appearance.

Just then a brave knight, who lived in a distant country, had dream in which he was directed to go as fast as he could to the suffering city, and of course he obeyed and rode straight up to the rock where the maiden was lying. "What is this?" he exclaimed; "why are you fastened here while all those people watch from a distance?" "Fly! I implore you, fly!" answered the Princess. "Here comes the dragon this minute—he will kill us both," and then she told the whole story, while the dragon dragged his horrid body out of the pond and roared till the earth trembled.

But do you suppose George, the knight, was afraid? Not a bit of it. He just threw his spear thru the dragon's thick neck and pinned him to the ground. Then he told the girl not to be afraid, but to put her girdle around the spear and lead the monster back to the city, and when they started—George walking beside them leading his horse—the dragon went along like a lamb.

When they arrived George took his sword—a magic one, of course—and cut off the creature's head, while the people shouted and proclaimed him their deliverer. But he told them that, like all true knights, he had the help of the Lord whom he served, and then he asked them to serve Him, too, and to embrace the Christian faith. And they did.

But isn't that the end of the story. Many years afterward there came about a great event known as the Crusades, and among the knights and soldiers that went to the city where the dragon fight happened was an English king, Richard the Lion-Hearted. He saw the well where the dragon's body was thrown and the stream where George washed his hands, and when he went home the people about the Christian soldier and knight asked that St. George be made the patron of the land.

That is the reason why St. George's cross is on the English flag; that explains, too, why there are more than 160 churches in England and some in this country dedicated to St. George, and why the children of England have a holiday on the 23rd of April, which is St. George's day.

On the Run.

The manager of a big Australian sheep-ranch engaged a discharged sailor to do farm work. He was put in charge of a large flock of sheep.

"Now, all you've got to do," explained the manager, "is to keep them on the run."

A run is a large stretch of bushland inclosed by a fence, and sheep have many ingenious methods of escaping from their own to neighboring runs and so getting mixed up with other flocks.

At the end of a couple of hours the manager rode up again—the air was thick with dust, as tho a thousand head of cattle had passed by.

At last he distinguished the form of his new shepherd—a collapsed heap prone upon the ground. Surrounding him were the sheep, a pitiful, huddled mass, bleating plaintively, with considerably more than a week's condition lost.

"What the Dickens have you been doing to those sheep?" shrieked the almost frantic manager.

The ex-sailor managed to gasp out: "Well, sir, I've done my best. You told me to keep them on the run, and so I hunted them up and down and hound—and now—I'm just half dead myself."

The LONE STAR RANGER

AROMANCE OF THE BORDER

by ZANE GREY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—In Wichita, Texas, it becomes with Buckle Duane a case of fight or run from Cal Barn. Duane kills his man and becomes an outlaw.

CHAPTER II.—He meets Luke Stevens, an outlaw.

CHAPTER III.—Stevens goes into the town of Merce to buy supplies and is shot by a rancher. Duane buries him.

CHAPTER IV.—Duane goes to Bland's outlaw stronghold in the Rim Rock and after shooting Bland's gun-slingers with only over seven death, decides to stay there. Euchre takes Duane for a partner and tells him about Bland, the outlaw chief, and his band.

CHAPTER V.

Duane looked around him for a book or a paper, anything to read; but all the printed matter he could find consisted of a few words on cartridge boxes and an advertisement on the back of a tobacco pouch. There seemed to be nothing for him to do. He had rested; he did not want to lie down any more. He began to walk to and fro, from one end of the room to the other. And as he walked he fell into the lately acquired habit of brooding over his misfortune.

Suddenly he straightened up with a jerk. Unconsciously he had drawn his gun. Standing there with the bright, cold weapon in his hand, he looked at it in consternation. How had he come to draw it? It might have come from a subtle sense, scarcely thought of at all, of the late, close and inevitable relation between that weapon and himself. He was amazed to find that, bitter as he had grown of late, the desire to live burned strong in him. Life certainly held no bright prospects for him. Already he had begun to despair of ever getting back to his home. But to give up like a white-hearted coward, to let himself be handcuffed and jailed, to run from a drunken, bragging cowboy, or be shot in cold blood by some border brute who merely wanted to add another notch to his gun—these things were impossible for Duane because there was in him the temper to fight.

In that hour he yielded only to fate and the spirit inborn in him. Here, after this gun must be a living part of him. Right then and there he returned to a practice he had long discontinued—the draw. It was now a stern, bitter, deadly business with him. He did not need to fire the gun, for accuracy was a gift and had become assured. Swiftness on the draw, however, could be improved, and he set himself to acquire the limit of speed possible to any man. He stood still in his tracks; he paced the room; he sat down, lay down, put himself in

possibilities. Duane, realizing that he was tolerated there, received in careless spirit by this terrible class of outcasts, experienced a feeling of revulsion that amounted almost to horror. Was his being there not an ugly dream? What had he in common with such ruffians? Then in a flash of memory came the painful proof—he was a criminal in sight of Texas law; he, too, was an outlaw.

number of men coming down the river.

Duane must have idled considerable time up on the hill, for when he returned to the shack Euchre was busily engaged around the camp-fire.

"Wal, glad to see you ain't so pale about the gills as you was," he said, by the way of greeting. "Pitch in an' we'll soon have grub ready. There's shore one consolin' fact round this here camp."

"What's that?" asked Duane.

"Plenty of good juicy beef to eat. An' it doesn't cost a short bit."

"But it costs hard rides and trouble, bad conscience, and life, too, doesn't it?"

"I ain't shore about the bad conscience. Mine never bothered me none. An' as for life, why, that's cheap in Texas."

"Who is Bland?" asked Duane, quickly changing the subject. "What do you know about him?"

"We don't know who he is or where he hails from," replied Euchre. "That's always been somethin' to interest the gang. He must have been a young man when he struck Texas. Now he's middle-aged. I remember how years ago he was soft-spoken an' not rough in talk or act like he is now. Bland ain't likely his right name. He knows a lot. He can doctor you, an' he's shore a knowin' feller with tools; he's the kind that rules men. Outlaws are always ridin' in here to join his gang, an' if it hadn't been for the gamblin' an' gun-play he'd have a thousand men around him."

"How many in his gang now?"

"I reckon there's short of a hundred now. The number varies. Then Bland has several small camps up an' down the river. Also he has men back on the cattle-ranges."

"How does he control such a big force?" asked Duane.

"Simply when his band's composed of bad men, Luke Stevens said he had no use for Bland. And I heard once somewhere that Bland was a devil."

"That's it. He is a devil. He's as hard as flint, violent in temper, never made any friends" except his right-hand men, Dave Rugg an' Chess Allaway. Bland'll shoot at a wink. He's killed a lot of fellers, an' some for nothing. The reason that outlaws gather round him an' stick is because he's a safe refuge, an' then he's well heeled. Bland is rich. They say he has a hundred thousand pesos hid somewhere, an' lots of gold. But he's free with money. He gambles when he's not off with a shipment of cattle. He's throwing money around. An' the fact is there's always plenty of money where he is. That's what holds the gang. Dirty, bloody money!"

"It's a wonder he hasn't been killed. All these years on the border!" exclaimed Duane.

"Wal," replied Euchre, dryly, "he's been quicker on the draw than the other fellers who hankered to kill him, that's all."

Euchre's reply rather chilled Duane's interest for the moment. Such remarks always made his mind resolve round facts pertaining to himself.

"Speakin' of this here swift wrist game," went on Euchre, "there's been considerable talk in camp about your throwin' of a gun. I heard Bland say this afternoon—an' he said it seriously like an' speculative—that he'd never seen your equal. All the fellers who seen you meet Bosomer had somethin' to say. An' they all shut up when Bland told who an' what your dad was. Pears to me I once seen your dad in a gun-scrape over at Santone, years ago. Wal, I put my ear in today among the fellers, an' I says: 'What ails you locoed gents? Did young Duane budge an' inch when Bo came roarin' out, blood in his eye? Wasn't he cool an' quiet, steady of lip, an' weren't his eyes readin' Bo's mind? An' that lightnin' draw—can't I see all that's a family gift?"

Euchre's narrow eyes twinkled, and he gave the dough he was rolling a slap with his flour-whitened hand. Manifestly he had proclaimed himself a champion and partner of Duane's, with all the pride an old man could feel in a young one whom he admired.

"Wal," he resumed, presently, "that's your introduction to the border, Buck. An' your card was a high trump. You'll be let severely alone by real gun-fighters an' men like Bland, Allaway, Rugg, an' the bosses of the other gangs. After all, these real men are men, you know, an' unless you cross them they're no more likely to interfere with you than you are with them."

"The only feller who's goin' to put a close eye on you is Benson. He runs the store an' sells drinks. The gang calls him Jackrabbit Benson, because he's always got his eye peeled an' his ears cocked."

"Bland's not here tonight. He left today on one of his trips, takin' Allaway an' some others. But his other man, Rugg, he's here. Rugg's the little bow-legged man with half of his face shot off. He's one-eyed. But he can shore see out of the one he's got. An' there's Hardin. You know him? He's got an outlaw gang as big as Bland's."

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He Practiced Drawing His Gun.

awkward positions; and from every position he practiced throwing his gun—practiced it till he was hot and tired and his arm ached and his hand burned. That practice he determined to keep up every day. It was one thing, at least, that would help pass the weary hours.

Later he went outdoors to the cooler shade of the cottonwoods. From this point he could see a good deal of the valley. Under different circumstances, Duane felt that he would have enjoyed such a beautiful spot. He saw a good many Mexicans, who, of course, were hand and glove with Bland. Also he saw enormous flat-boats, crude of structure, moored along the banks of the river. The Rio Grande rolled away between high bluffs. A cable, sagging deep in the middle, was stretched over the wide yellow stream, and an old scow, evidently used as a ferry, lay anchored on the far shore.

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RUSS TO REJECT U. S. TROOPS TO GERMAN PEACE BE RUSHED TO BATTLE FRONT

Kaiser's Terms Held as Amounting to Plan for Annexation of Territory.

ENVOYS BACK AT PETROGRAD

Red Guard Troops Sent Back to Front
—Trotzky Says Provinces Are Held Under Military Pressure.

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—The chances of a separate peace between Russia and the central powers being effected seem remote because of what are regarded as Germany's unreasonable demands.

Leon Trotzky, the bolsheviki foreign minister, and his associates take the stand that the Baltic provinces are in reality under military pressure while they continue to be occupied by Germany.

The Russian peace delegation returned to Petrograd and reported to a joint session of the central executive committee of workmen's and soldiers delegates the progress of the negotiations with the Austro-Germans at Brest-Litovsk.

Rejects German Terms.
M. Kamenev, a member of the delegation, read the German terms, which he characterized as showing the positive annexation plans of the central powers, and he declared they were unacceptable in their present form. He added that the terms had not been discussed.

"If after the resumption of negotiations," the delegate said, "the Germans insist upon these terms, Russia will conclude peace, not with the German imperialists, but with the representatives of the people, the socialists of Germany."

String on Negotiations.

Germany will not consider the Brest-Litovsk declarations as binding on her unless the entente allies accept the invitation to negotiate a general peace, according to M. Pavlovitch, a non-bolsheviki delegate.

The Bolshevik News agency announces that the council of people's commissaries has decided to recommend to the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates' recognition of the political independence of the republic of Finland.

Scores were reported killed in fighting between bolsheviki and Ukrainian forces at Smolensk.

A new republic has been set up in the Tchernomorsk or Black sea territory, with Novorossiysk as the capital.

Battle in Odessa Streets.

Odessa, Jan. 3.—Prolonged street fighting between Ukrainians and bolsheviki occurred here.

Report Negotiations Off.

London, Jan. 3.—Peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been broken off by the bolsheviki government, owing to the German attitude in regard to Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News.

The correspondent says that considerable numbers of Red Guards are being sent to re-occupy the front and that other preparations for defense are being made.

WARNS ALLIES OF DRIVE

General Maurice Tells British to "Prepare for Loss of Ground."

London, Jan. 3.—The probability of the Germans now taking a vigorous offensive attitude on the western front was pointed out by Maj. Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk to the press.

There were two factors that contributed to this probability, the general said, the first being the steady flow of German re-enforcements from the eastern front and second the fact that the American forces were not yet ready to take any considerable part in the operations.

The public should be prepared, General Maurice said, for some losses of both ground and men if the Germans attempt really determined offensive operations. They would not, however, be able to inflict any such losses on the allies as the latter had inflicted on the Germans during the last year, he declared.

THREE BOYS DIE ON ICE FLOE

Drift Out Into Lake Erie and Are Frozen to Death.

Toledo, O., Jan. 3.—Three boys perished and one man was terribly frozen on the ice on Lake Erie, between Marblehead and Kelly's island. The dead are George Kruga, fourteen; Mike Zebekie, twelve; Joe Onko, thirteen, all of Marblehead. The boys, with George Priest, twenty-two, walked from Marblehead, four miles across the lake, to Kelly's island. They started back at noon during a blizzard and zero temperature. Marblehead coast guards saw a man half a mile off shore. They brought him in. It was Priest, dazed and frozen. He said he had left the Kruga boy's dead body on the ice and that the other two had started back to Kelly's island. Telephone information is that the boys did not reach the island and that the gale had broken the ice in the channel, carrying the floes far out into the lake.

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Recommendations at Allies' Council for Winning War Announced by Lansing.

WILL SEND NATIONAL GUARD

Shipping and Supplies Placed at Disposal of Americans and Closer Union Between Co-Belligerents is Assured.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The bulk of the National Guard will be hurried to France at once or as soon as it can be shipped, and the Prairie division, including the Illinois regiments now at Houston, will be one of the first three divisions sent forward. The administration is endeavoring to speed up the dispatch of troops to France, as urgently recommended in Col. E. M. House's report on the achievements of the American war mission, which was made public. The Germans, who are greatly strengthened by the collapse of Russia, are certain to attempt another great drive toward Paris in the spring. Colonel House and his associates on the war mission informed the president that they deem it imperative to rush troops to the western front as quickly as possible.

Washington, Jan. 3.—American troops are to be rushed to Europe in as large and as constant a stream as is humanly possible; the allied nations will so arrange their shipping as to provide the necessary transport; the merchant shipbuilding program must be rushed; there is to be closer cooperation of all the co-belligerents to present a single and united front to German autocracy; the part of the United States has been clearly defined and arrangements made to carry it out.

U. S. Delegates Advise.

These are the principal results, as they effect America, of the recent inter-allied war council in Paris announced for the first time by the state department.

The recommendations, made by the American delegates, of whom Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, was the head, are the result of the great council of heads of all the co-belligerents.

A definite plan was formed for more active utilization of American naval forces, and an agreement was made with the British admiralty to effect certain plans for anti-submarine warfare.

Will Pool War Resources.

The contribution of the United States to a pooling of war resources was agreed upon. The arrangement guarantees full equipment of every kind will be available to all American forces sent to Europe during 1918.

Arrangements were made to have the United States participate in military deliberation of a supreme war council "as a step toward efficient and centralized unity of control of military operations."

Plans also were worked out whereby, in order to permit the United States to visualize the problem of food control at home, Great Britain, France and Italy agreed to establish legalized and compulsory control of foodstuffs in their countries.

Ships for U. S. Troops.

The extent of the military effort to be aimed at by the United States was clearly determined and an allied advisory board was created to advise each nation on allotments of ships, so as to permit the American military effort to be realized.

Through the new inter-allied organization for co-ordination of shipping resources, arrangements have been made to devote "the greatest amount of tonnage possible for the transportation of American troops."

The report, as made public by Secretary Lansing, says:

"A review of the report, filed with the department of state by Colonel House, the head of the special war mission, which visited Great Britain and France in November, shows that it succeeded in its purpose of reaching a definite working plan for the prosecution of the war through co-operation of the government, represented at the conferences held in Paris, in the various fields of activity and through marshalling the resources of the nations at war with the central powers and co-ordinating their uses under common authority, avoiding the waste and uncertainties that arise from independent action."

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